

**Statewide Voter File Subgroup
Meeting Notes
April 25, 2003**

Team Members Present: Brad King, Laura Herzog, Zach Main, Karen Daily (for Martha Padish), Robin Winston, Pam Finlayson, and Todd Rokita. Facilitators: Sarah Taylor and Holly Davis.

Others Present: Kelly Sprague (Manatron, Inc.); Bill McCully and Cheryl Kennard (Quest Information Systems); Kevin Mullin (Covansys); Rod Hughes (Accenture); Laura Larimer (ITOC/DoIt/State CIO); Ambroise Massela (IDPH); Jeanne McFarland (DOC); Lori Hershberger (IED); and Steve Corey (Diebold).

Sarah Taylor called the meeting to order, went over some housekeeping business, and introduced the invited state agency guests.

Jeanne McFarland with the Department of Corrections explained that they provide an electronic file monthly of all recently incarcerated offenders, sorted by their last known county of residence, to the Indiana Election Division. Brad King clarified that the offenders name appears on the list only after a conviction of a felony or misdemeanor, and that the offender's right to vote is terminated while they are confined. Lori Hershberger said the IED staff looks at the last known county of residence to create a report to send to the counties. Laura Herzog and Karen Daily both offered that their counties processed incarcerations like they processed deceased residents. Mr. King added that the Federal Court sends a list of new offenders in the federal system.

Secretary Todd Rokita informed the group of the untimely passing of State Representative Roland Stine. Todd indicated that Rep. Stine advocated election reforms in a positive and fair manner and requested members to keep Rep. Stine and his family in their thoughts and prayers. He went on to inform the members that Indiana has officially applied for the first \$5 million in HAVA money.

Ambroise Massela with the Department of Health explained that they prepare a printed list of all deaths occurring in Indiana and deaths reported in other states for the Indiana Election Division. The IED then sorts the lists, and send the information out to the appropriate counties. Mr. King reminded members that the only legal way to remove a suspected deceased voter from the voter rolls is from the Department of Health lists or a death certificate. He also noted how important the Bureau of Motor Vehicles and the Social Security Administration are to the process of confirming deceased voters who might not have been included in the DOH reports. Mr. Massela informed the group that the DOH maintains electronic files going back to 1987 and records on tape dating back to 1920.

The members revisited their discussion on the centralized voter file sending "flags" to the counties to decipher. *All agreed that a read-only, non-downloadable file could be of*

*benefit to everyone. Members did not agree on how much information counties could view about each other. **Mr. King will check on what HAVA says.** Members did agree that the ability to track provisional ballots in the statewide voter file system makes sense.* Mr. King reviewed surveys from Michigan, Minnesota and Virginia, drawing attention to the data conversion process in each state. Ms. Herzog asked if there was anything counties could do now to get ready, and Mr. King replied that it would be best to wait until a uniform way of coding the information was in place.

Members agreed to keep the fee structure for purchasing the statewide voter file as it currently exists under Indiana statute.

At the next subgroup meeting, members will try to have a representative from DOA and BMV there.

Public Comment

Laura Larimer, ITOC/DoIt/State CIO, pointed out that maintenance costs in Virginia were lower than in Minnesota and Michigan because so much of their work was done in house.